

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A folding portable terminal with an imaging camera according to claim 3, wherein at least two faces of an imaging camera module provided inside said outer camera casinghousing come into contact with cushioning members.

2. (Previously Presented) A folding portable terminal with an imaging camera according to claim 1, wherein said cushioning members have a dustproof function for at least part of the imaging camera module.

3. (Currently Amended) A folding portable terminal with an imaging camera, which includes a first casingouter housing having on one surface a first operation section for performing various operations, a second casingouter housing having on one surface a first display section for displaying information, and multiple joints for rotatably coupling the first casingouter housing and the second casingouter housing, with the first and second casingouter housings being able to be closed to each other to fold the portable terminal in such a manner to lap said surface of the first display section of the second casingouter housing over said surface of the first operation section of the first casingouter housing, said portable terminal comprising:

~~an outer camera casing~~housing having the imaging camera, said outer camera casing~~housing~~ provided between said multiple joints independently of said first ~~casing~~outer housing and said second ~~casing~~outer housing so that a diameter of ~~a rotation shaft~~exposed portions of said outer camera casing~~housing~~ is set smaller than the outer diameters of said multiple joints.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) A folding portable terminal with an imaging camera, the portable terminal comprising:

a first external casing having on one surface a first operation section for performing various operations, a second external casing having on one surface a first display section for displaying information, and multiple joints for rotatably coupling the first external casing and the second external casing, with the first and second external casings being able to be closed to each other to fold the portable terminal; and

~~an external~~ camera casing having the imaging camera therein, said external camera casing provided between said multiple joints independently of said first external casing and said second external casing, and having an outside diameter of the external camera casing set smaller than the outer diameters of said multiple joints.

6. (Currently Amended) A folding portable terminal with an imaging camera according to claim 5, wherein at least two faces of an imaging camera module

provided inside said external camera casing come into contact with cushioning members.

7. (Previously Presented) A folding portable terminal with an imaging camera according to claim 6, wherein said cushioning members have a dustproof function for at least part of the imaging camera module.

8. (Currently Amended) A folding portable terminal with an imaging camera, the portable terminal comprising:

a first external casing having on one surface a first operation section for performing various operations and at least one first hinge portion, a second external casing having on one surface a first display section for displaying information and at least one second hinge portion, where a paired first hinge portion and second hinge portion form a ~~a~~ an external casing hinge portion and cooperate for rotatably coupling the first external casing and the second external casing, the external casing hinge portion having a predetermined outer diameter; and

~~a~~ an external camera casing having the imaging camera therein, said external camera casing provided independently of said first external casing and said second external casing, and having an outside diameter of the camera casing set smaller than the predetermined outer diameter of the external casing hinge portion.

9. (Previously Presented) A folding portable terminal with an imaging camera according to claim 8, wherein at least two faces of an imaging camera module provided inside said camera casing come into contact with cushioning members.

10. (Previously Presented) A folding portable terminal with an imaging camera according to claim 9, wherein said cushioning members have a dustproof function for at least part of the imaging camera module.

11. (Currently Amended) A folding portable terminal with an imaging camera according to claim 9, wherein the first external casing having at least two first hinge portions, and the second external casing having at least two second hinge portions, where two hinges including one of the first hinge portion and second hinge portion are formed to cooperate for rotatably coupling the first external casing and the second external casing, and wherein the external camera casing is disposed between the two hinges.